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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
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References <hy1Pq--.tdement@delphi.com>, <2ouhis\$q23@hecate.umd.edu>,  
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Subject : Re: Incentive Licensing

In article <ddtodd.32.000C088B@ucdavis.edu>,  
Daniel D. Todd <ddtodd@ucdavis.edu> wrote:  
>In article <2ouhis\$q23@hecate.umd.edu> mark@roissy.umd.edu (Mark Sienkiewicz)  
writes:

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>>Let me give you an example... I've been thinking about getting into  
>>ham radio. I was thinking about it because I'm interested in building  
>>some devices that use video (real time or slow scan) and  
>>telemetry/telecommand. Some sort of packet protocol would be suitable.  
>My suggestion would be to go down to Radio Shack or a ham radio store in your  
>area and get a study guide. I can't imagine you are going to do any high  
>speed packet or real time video in the hf bands and there is no morse code  
>requirement for access to all the VHF and higher bands.

I started by reading FCC regulations -- this was a bad mistake. :)  
I expect the information in the study guides will be much easier to  
decode, so I will definitely check it out.

>>I understand this will take a bit of study to get a better knowledge  
>>of radio-electronics (rather than digital). But I have to learn morse  
>>code? That's like telling somebody "Yes, we're going to let you type on  
>>this word processor, but FIRST, you have to prove you can make your  
>>own quill pen and ink."  
>Pretty stupid at times. There have to be some form of examination process to  
>keep regulation and keep the parts of amateur radio that we all enjoy. For now  
>this includes Morse code. Flaming here won't change that, nor will it change  
>anyone's mind. If you really want to cause change get together with a few

I don't think I was flaming. It was just a description of what it looks  
like to an "outsider". As for changing anyones mind... I don't know that  
it will or won't -- certainly not anybody who has already made up their  
mind. Still, I believe knowledge is a good thing, even if it doesn't  
change your mind.

Thanks for your suggestions. And thanks to all for not just flaming away  
at me.

Mark S.

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